

Application No.: 10/707,675

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants have added Figure 1A to the specification to show that the predetermined width of the opening is generally less than the predetermined width of the base as taught in the specification and claimed. No new matter has been added.

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REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Office Action mailed December 7, 2005. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment presented objections to the claims as not being drawn to the elected invention. Applicants provisionally elected Group 1, Figure 1 for continued examination on March 4, 2005 with traverse in response to an Election / Restriction Requirement dated February 14, 2005. Claims 11, 20 – 28 remain pending. Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

In the specification, “Figure 1 is a partial cross-sectional view of an assembly of the present invention.” *See paragraph [0007].*

“The present invention is directed to an assembly comprising a first member having an inner surface and a second member having an outer surface. The second member is partially received within the first member. One of the surfaces of the members includes at least one groove for receiving a portion of the other member. The groove includes an opening and base each having a predetermined width and the predetermined width of the opening is generally less than the predetermined width of the base.” *See paragraph [0006].*

Applicants claim “a hose assembly comprising: a first member having an inner surface; a second member having an outer surface and being at least partially received within said first member; and at least one of said surfaces including at least one groove for receiving a portion of said other member, said groove includes an opening and a base each having a predetermined width, said predetermined width of said opening being generally less than said predetermined width of said base.” *See independent claim 11.*

Further, “Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary cross-sectional view of a second member of the present invention shown in Figure 1” showing the predetermined width of the opening is generally less than the predetermined width of the base. *See paragraph [0011].*

Moreover, paragraph [0024] states “any angle A *generally* less than about 90 degrees is contemplated by the present invention to result in predetermined width W1 of opening 46 being generally less than predetermined width W2 of base 48. Further, angle A of each side 50,

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52 need not be the same, only less than about 90 degrees." The grooves 30 in Figure 1 are shown to be generally *slightly* less than ninety (90) degrees. Therefore, Figure 1A has been added to more clearly show the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicants have added Figure 1A to the specification to show that the predetermined width of the opening is generally less than the predetermined width of the base as taught in the specification and claimed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 60680-1814 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made, the fee for which should also be charged to this Deposit Account.

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